

TARIFF BEBATE IS SURE TO PROLONG SPECIAL SESSION

Ways and Means Committee Starts Drafting of New Measure.

Action that is sure to prolong the extra session of Congress far into the summer was taken today when the Ways and Means Committee went into executive session behind locked doors to draft the tariff bill.

Democrats are fearful that if the committee prepares a schedule-by-schedule measure, lengthy debate on each schedule will result, and the session of Congress will continue until snow flies.

The committee faced an enormous amount of technical investigation. Manufacturers have filed briefs, with wage tables and cost data, which the committee will have to study carefully.

The question as to whether the bill will be an omnibus measure or a series of bills, one for each schedule, will be determined by a caucus to be held the first week of the special session.

Democrats generally are in favor of the omnibus bill, which they will handle quickly, instead of the schedule-by-schedule measure, which will cause endless debate.

The tariff bill will be reported immediately after the opening of the special session, and the new Congress will swing at once to the most important work of its regime—the revision of the tariff law from one of protection to one of competition.

No minority report on the Democratic tariff bill will be submitted by the Republicans, according to Congressman Fordney of Michigan.

"So far as we are concerned," he said, "the Democrats have taken the matter out of our hands. The framing of the tariff bill is up to them, and I am not in favor of preparing a minority report. It will do no good."

'The Value Shop' Opened By Greenburg & Kuntz

"The Value Shop" is the name of a man's outfitting store just opened by Louis B. Greenburg, formerly of Greenburg's, and Adolph Kuntz, at 633 Pennsylvania avenue. The place is equipped with showcases of mahogany and plate glass, and it is remarkably well lighted, having windows on two streets. The clothing section is elevated and separate from the remainder of the store. Marble steps lead to it.

Taft Approves Ousting.

President Taft has approved the finding of a court martial which decided that Second Lieut. Ellwood S. Hand, Fifteenth Cavalry, should be dismissed from the service for having been drunk on duty. The court martial was held at Fort Leavenworth, where Hand was stationed.

THREE BATTLESHIPS NEEDED, SAYS MEYER

Despite Imminent End of Term, Navy Head Will Fight Until Close of Session.

Three battleships, not two, are the real requirements of the United States navy, according to Secretary of the Navy Meyer.

"Three should be the minimum this year. Two battleships have been provided annually by Congress," said Mr. Meyer, when informed that the House would probably vote two battleships only. "Until last year, when only one vessel was built. Three should be provided this year in order to complete the division begun with the Pennsylvania."

Despite the fact that Mr. Meyer will leave office in four weeks he is going to continue until the close of Congress his demand for three battleships. He asserts that weakness invites attack and that the addition of a single battleship will add much strength to the navy, whereas its lack will leave the navy in a weakening position with respect to other navies.

CONDUCTOR KILLED UNDER CAR WHEELS

William Triplett, of Baltimore and Ohio Line, Meets Instant Death Near Brookland.

William Triplett, a Baltimore and Ohio freight conductor, fell beneath the wheels of a coal car near University Station, Brookland, this morning, and was killed instantly. The right side of his head and body was crushed. Triplett, who was thirty years old, lived at 220 Morton street northeast. He is survived by a wife and four young children. Mrs. Triplett, who had recently been in a hospital, was present at her husband's death. The accident happened while Triplett was shifting some loaded coal cars to a siding at Brookland. He was standing on top of the car, and had hold of the brake wheel, when his foot slipped, and he fell beneath the wheels.

Railroad Valuation Bill Is Postponed

Consideration of the Adamson bill, providing for a general physical valuation of railroad properties throughout the United States was today deferred by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce until Wednesday.

RIGGS BANK MAN DEFENDS ACTION OF MORGAN IN PANIC

Financier and Cortelyou Are Both Praised for Work Done in Time of Stress.

An echo of the panic of 1907, with a vigorous defense of J. Pierpont Morgan and former Secretary Cortelyou, was heard at a hearing before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department today, when Milton E. Ailes, vice president of the Riggs Bank, testified.

Mr. Ailes appeared in opposition to the Goeke bill providing for competitive bidding by banks on deposits of Government funds, but the hearing switched to a discussion of general banking methods, currency reform, and panics.

Secretary Cortelyou "had dumped \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000 into New York at the time of the panic and allowed J. P. Morgan to make a million or so in lending it."

Denies Benefit to Morgan.

"I think you are wrong about that," said Mr. Ailes. "Mr. Morgan didn't make anything out of this and he and Mr. Cortelyou both rendered a service that should never be forgotten by this country."

"I have never been able to see any philanthropy in the acts of Mr. Morgan at that time," said Mr. Cox.

"Morgan didn't get the money," answered Mr. Ailes. "Secretary Cortelyou turned the money into the national bank. Morgan conducts a private bank."

"Yes, but Mr. Morgan virtually handled the money," said Chairman Cox. "Of course he was consulted because of his pre-eminence as a financier," said Mr. Ailes. "It was the only thing to do and it had to be done right at that moment or the loss to the country would have been hundreds of millions."

"Why could not the banks have effected interest for the Government money at the time? Wouldn't that have done the public as much good?"

Says Banks Were Scared.

"The banks probably would have been glad to pay interest for it, but they would have immediately locked the money in their vaults. All of them wanted a reserve. They were scared."

"Panics are sentimental, anyway. There was enough money in the country at the time, but everyone was afraid to let go, and it needed someone to turn the tide the other way. The Government deposits and the act of Mr. Morgan in persuading certain banks to lend ten millions at 6 per cent for a week restored confidence and began the unlocking of the vaults."

Mr. Cox said it hadn't unlocked any vaults out his way in Indiana. It started the unlocking thought," commented Mr. Ailes. "Mr. Morgan induced the banks to lend this money at 6 per cent when they could have charged much higher sums. Interest rates were soaring in unprecedented fashion. The plan was the best the

Treasury and Mr. Morgan could do under the circumstances and in consideration of our miserable currency system."

Opposes Interest Charges.

Mr. Ailes said he personally opposed the principle of charging banks interest for Government deposits, although he acknowledged the plan might be feasible and that banks would pay 1, 2, or 3 per cent to be made Government depositories. As a general rule, he said, the Treasury did not have great sums to deposit, anyway.

SENATE TO DISCUSS WATER POWER BILL

Question of Federal or State Control Will Be Bitterly Fought on the Floor.

The broad question of the policy of the Federal and State governments with respect to water powers will be discussed in the Senate this week in connection with the bill involving the rights of a power company at Windsor Mills, Conn.

Senator Jones has offered an amendment to the bill which would recognize the right of the State to control water powers. This is bitterly fought by the advocates of the Federal policy of conservation. Gifford Pinchot, and those who believe as he does, are strong against State control. Senator Jones will have the backing of Senator Borah and others from the Far West.

President Taft and Secretary Stimson, as well as Secretary Fisher, and those who believe as he does, are strong for Federal control. Senator Burton will speak for Federal control. A majority of the committee is standing by the State rights idea in connection with the bill, and protesting against Federal control.

Addresses Y. W. C. A. on "Florence Nightingale"

"Florence Nightingale" was the subject of an address by Miss Florence Brown, general secretary of the association, before the Young Women's Christian Association, yesterday afternoon.

"This association was organized for the performance of benevolent work, and those of you who would help the sick should emulate the example of Florence Nightingale," said Miss Brown. "She was one of the greatest women of her time, and in her life work of nursing the sick she exemplified womanliness."

Miss Brown's lecture was followed by a session of the Y. W. C. A. mission society, which will be conducted each day during February.

Senator Gallinger Improves in Health

Senator Gallinger, chairman of the District Committee, who became ill at the close of the Senate proceedings Saturday, was able to attend to his duties today. He was not in the Senate, but was at his office.

COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

Eastern's Graduates Will Get Diplomas Monday Night, and Central's on Wednesday.

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of Eastern High School will be held in the assembly room of the school this evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. Willard F. Small, principal of the school, will preside.

W. K. Cooper, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will deliver the address. The Rev. Paul Hickok, pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, will deliver the invocation, and Henry P. Blair, vice chairman of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas. Following are the graduates.

Lester Lorena Tator, Meta Rosa Joeger, Margaret Maurer, Allie Mackley Payne, Marvill Groves Armstrong, and William Alburia Brockway.

Commencement exercises of the present semester will end with the holding of those of the Central High School in the assembly room of the school on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Blair of the Board of Education, will preside at the exercises. P. P. Claxton, will make the address, and Capt. James F. Oyster, chairman of the Board of Education, will deliver the diplomas. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, will give the invocation.

School officials have prepared a long list of transfers of teachers for presentation to the Board of Education next Wednesday afternoon.

E. L. Thurston, who has charge of the high school regiment, announced today that he was preparing for a drill of the complete regiment in the near future in preparation for the inaugural parade. The date for this has not been chosen.

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EFFECT OF CHANGE ON WILSON'S TERM MUST BE DECIDED

Congress Has Problem to Solve on Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

That it will be necessary to clear up the Presidential one-term amendment proposed to the Constitution before it passes the House, in order to make plain whether the effect of it would be to extend the term of President Wilson to six years, is now generally recognized.

Lawyers in Congress are busy pouring over the question. Opinions differ, but it is admitted on all hands that the amendment might be open to that construction. Senators Sutherland and Cummins, who doubt if it would extend the term of Wilson, feel that it would be better to alter the language so as to make the matter entirely beyond dispute.

Governor Wilson will be consulted before the House Democrats act. Whether they will try to pass the proposed amendment or not depends on him. The Bryan influence is expected to work for the amendment.

Conferees will be held by the House leaders this week to determine what course to take. Meantime, it is uncertain what will be the fate of the resolution carrying the amendment.

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Seven Thousand Miners Return to Their Work

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 3.—Seven thousand mine workers at eight collieries of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company, who went on strike Saturday because the colliery engineers refused to join the miners' union, returned to work today. It is contended by the miners that all of the engineers have come into the union excepting three, who soon will join.

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